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SUBJECT: SPASOWSKI'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY KREPS

SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI PAID AN INTRODUCTORY CALL ON SECRETARY KREPS ON JULY 31 TO DISCUSS THE SCHEDULING OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION AND NEGOTIATION OF THE FOUR DRAFT AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL ISSUES WHICH THE POLES WISH TO ADDRESS AT THE EIGHTH SESSION. END OF SUMMARY.

1. THE AMBASSADOR CONVEYED TO SECRETARY KREPS POLISH ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOVEMBER 8-9 DATES WHICH WERE INFORMALLY PROPOSED BY THE U.S. FOR SCHEDULING THE EIGHTH SESSION AND CONFIRMED THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER JAGIELSKI WILL CO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHAIR THE MEETING.

2. SPASOWSKI IMPLIED THAT THE POLES MAY NOT BE PREPARED TO PRESENT COUNTERDRAFTS OF THE INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS TO US IN EARLY FALL, AS HAD BEEN INDICATED BY FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER PRUCHNIEWICZ TO COMMERCE ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEIL IN MAY. AFTER UNDER-

SCORING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DIFFICULTIES POSED BY THE

U.S. DRAFTS, SPASOWSKI PROPOSED THAT WORKING GROUPS MEET IN SEPTEMBER TO EXPLORE AND CLARIFY THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES. IN PROPOSING THE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, SPASOWSKI SEEMED TO SUGGEST THAT FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS BE DEFERRED.

3. AS REGARDS THE INFORMATION EXCHANGE AGREEMENT, SPASOWSKI INDICATED POLISH PREFERENCE FOR INFORMAL BI-LATERAL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION, STATING POLAND'S WORRY THAT CONCLUDING SUCH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. WOULD SET A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER COUNTRIES TO PRESS FOR SIMILAR AGREEMENTS. TURNING TO THE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, SPASOWSKI REMARKED THAT DESPITE PROTRACTED STUDY OF THE JOINT VENTURE QUESTION, IT REMAINS A COMPLICATED AND CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE IN POLAND. HE SUGGESTED THAT A WORKING GROUP MEET TO LOOK INTO POLISH DIFFICULTIES WITH THE U.S. DRAFT, BUT REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON THE PROSPECTS FOR REACHING AGREEMENT PRIOR TO THE COMMISSION MEETING.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION, SPASOWSKI RAISED POLISH INTEREST IN JOINT FISHING VENTURES AND COOPERATION WITH AMERICAN FIRMS IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING. IN RESPONSE TO HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN RAISING THE POLISH FISHING QUOTA BY AT LEAST 20,000 TONS FOR JOINT VENTURE PURPOSES, SECRETARY KREPS AGREED TO INCLUDE FISHERY QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA. VANCE

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